



## ***ST. MARY'S COUNTY 2002 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE***

St. Mary's County is located along the shores of the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers, stretching southward to the Chesapeake Bay. The shoreline, 400 miles of waterways, is indented with hundreds of small bays, creeks, rivers and streams. Much of this land has remained farmland, and still retains much of the untouched charm the settlers found over 300 years ago.

In the farm area, tobacco is the leading product produced totaling 1.3 million pounds. Maryland tobacco, Type 32, is used in cigarettes both in the United States and abroad. Corn and soybeans are also extensively grown.

Although tobacco farming provides a lot of the atmosphere and much of the income of this county, it is a modern, progressive area with many resources and industries; factories, seafood, resorts, Patuxent Naval Base, to name a few.

St. Mary's County, with its close and convenient access to Washington, Baltimore, and Richmond, has become one of the fastest growing areas in the State. The county's population increased 13 percent from 1990 to 86,211 in 2000.

## ***ST. MARY'S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS***

<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Average Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<b>Corn for Grain</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	9,000	141.2	1,271,000
	<b>2001</b>		9,000	133.2	1,199,000
	<b>2002</b>		8,700	62.1	540,000
<b>Corn for Silage</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Tons.</b>	*	*	*
	<b>2001</b>		800	13.8	11,000
	<b>2002</b>		800	12.5	10,000
<b>Soybeans</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	15,500	40.0	620,000
	<b>2001</b>		17,600	38.0	669,000
	<b>2002</b>		15,300	15.0	229,500
<b>Wheat</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	5,300	49.7	263,600
	<b>2001</b>		4,800	59.0	283,000
	<b>2002</b>		5,300	66.0	350,000
<b>Hay</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Tons.</b>	9,500	2.2	21,000
	<b>2001</b>		9,000	2.1	18,500
	<b>2002</b>		5,500	1.7	9,100
<b>Barley</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	1,300	99.3	129,100
	<b>2001</b>		1,400	72.1	100,900
	<b>2002</b>		1,200	81.8	98,200
<b>Tobacco</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Lbs.</b>	2,400	1,500	3,598,500
	<b>2001</b>		1,000	1,580	1,580,000
	<b>2002</b>		900	1,445	1,300,500

<i>Crop Production Rank among MD. Counties, 2002</i>				<i>Livestock Inventories Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 <sup>1</sup></i>	
Corn	13	Barley	10	Cattle	12
Wheat	10	Soybeans	16	Hogs	2
Hay	13			Sheep	15
Tobacco	1			Milk Cows	<sup>3</sup>

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<i>Farm Number &amp; Size</i> <sup>1</sup>		1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms		754	673	621
Average Size	(acres)	107	115	116
Land in Farms	(acres)	80,493	77,491	71,890
<i>Livestock (Number on Farms)</i> <sup>1</sup>				
Cattle Inventory		4,917	4,596	5,372
Hog Inventory		17,542	18,042	9,733
Sheep Inventory		314	194	325
<i>Value of Sales</i> <sup>1</sup>		(\$1,000)		
All Products		13,271	16,349	21,056
Crops		7,876	11,656	17,549
Livestock, Poultry, and Poultry Products		5,396	4,692	3,506
<i>Equine, 2002</i>				
<i>Equine Inventory</i>	<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>	<i>Number of Equine Places</i>		
	1,000 dollars			
2,710	7,540	620		
Cash Rents				
		2000	2001	2002
Cropland	dollars per acre	28.22	30.69	34.08

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Unranked - Data not published.

<sup>4</sup> Revised.

\* Acreage too small to publish.